

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Hirofane OKUMURA

Group Art Unit:

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For: ELECTRONIC BUYER-SELLER INTERMEDIATION SERVICE AND  
PRICE DETERMINATION

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee for and examination of the above-identified application, please amend the claims as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claim 9, line 1, delete "or8".

Claim 12, line 1, delete "or 11".

Claim 13, line 1, change "one of Claims 10, 11 and 12" to --claim 10--.

Claim 14, line 1, change "one of Claims 10, 11, 12 and 13" to --claim 10--.

Claim 16, line 1, change "one of Claims 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15" to --claim 10--.

Claim 23, line 1, delete "or 22".

## REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to further prosecution of this application by placing same in better form, including eliminating all multiple dependencies from the claims. Accordingly, entry of the Preliminary Amendment and favorable examination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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